Flood of Strange Entreaties and Advice Finds Oblivion in Congressmen's Waste Paper Basket

Requests Range From Hurry Up Call for Flower Seeds to Demand for Ambassadorship at Court of St. James.

Out of the waste paper baskers of 435 Congressman having rooms the House of Representatives ofbuilding come expressions of

also many curious samples of the regenuity of office seekers, to say a thing of the pleas, supplications, and entreaties that are received almost daily from the constituents of

The requests made and expected to e fulfilled by the members in Congress range from the elevation of ome influential ward heeler to the ost of ambassador to the court of t. James to a hurry-up call for egelabic or flower seeds from sente renzied civic beautifier.

The Sixty-third Congress is rereputed to be the gabbiest Congress et, but if you had the privilege of ooking through the mail of the 635 Congressmen or a small portion hereof, the vocal efforts of the legisators would diminish into a whisper to comparison with the English that flows into the offices of the Con-gressmen of today.

These letters are carefully read nd promptly answered by the Con-easmen or their hard-working sec-taries, and if touching on some rave affair that merits saving they mmunications, however, eventually nd their way into the waste paper askets and oblivion.

Car Loads of Waste Paper.

From the baskets these letters and ther refuse matter go to the storage rooms in each of the four cordors of the House office buildrred by husky armed hostlers to a orage room in the basement, where hey repose until sufficient quantities accumulate for carload lots. Then ey are packed in large sacks and olsted onto a large trunk and coneyed to a car in which the pleas. supplications, entreaties, and written motions are shipped to a paper mill

Eventually the communications and other waste paper come back to Washington, after acids have exten off the ink and other marks, and the product is reduced to pulp and new material. The letter heads used by the Congressmen and much of the other writing materials employed by the Government departments are the anished product of the waste paper from the House office building and other departments of the Federal

Government.

In the House office building there are, to be exact, 427 Congressmen's offices. Also there are offices provided for the resident commissioners from the American possessions, the Philippines, Alaska, and Hawaii. In each of these offices there are three waste paper baskets, and hardly a night passes but that each of these refuse receptacles is well filled. It falls to the lot of the fifty-five harwomen who cleanse the Congressional offices to first handle the waste paper, emptying the 1,290 bas-kets nightly in large sacks that are eft outside the doors, to be carted

away by hostlers the following morn-ings. The next move of the discard-ed letters takes them to the storage room, in the basement, where the sacks are emptied only to be gath-ered in sacks again each month and sent on their way to the paper mill. The Government carefully weighs each sack, and is paid thousands of dollars by the purchaser each year. One Man Lacks Freaks.

Daily contributors to the Government's waste paper fund are numerous in the House office building, but n room No. 110, on the New Jersey avenue side of the four-squared structure, was discovered one Congressman who pleaded guilty to the receipt of nary a letter from a constituent that could be classed in the peculiar or unusual class.

He is Congressman Maurice Connolly, representing the Third Iowa District, whose mail since two months ago has rapidly increased in volume by reason of the fact that he is the Democratic candidate for Senator in the Hawkeye State. But a careful scrutiny of his mail for sixty days has failed to disclose anything more unusual than a request for a setting of pheasant and turkey oggs. Appreciation, however, is not a minus quantity among Connolly's people. One remittance of \$5 and two inclosures of 56 cents each from farmers in front of whose doors Connolly arranged to have three rural routes run, testify to this. Of course, the remittances were re-turned to the senders with an ap-preciative note from the Congress-

Another Iowa Congressman from a listrict bordering on Connolly's re relved the following communication from a woman:
"I have 449 stamps which I have

saved from envelopes that have been used. Is there any bounty on them or are they useful for materials in stamps again?"

Here Is Prize Letter.

The prize letter from a constituent of a Western Congressman that has usual composition was received while the parcels post law was being considered in the House. The name of the writer was not divulged, but the text of the communication verbatim is as follows:

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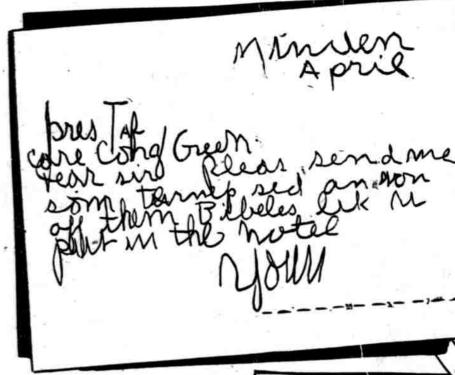
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post bad and wish you would hurry

up so we farmers cud send things by

expres cheper by parshals post."

In Lomax, Ill., a new town now being boomed across the Mississippi river from the Keokuk, Iowa, power dam, there is a descendant of the

late Senator David Davis, also an Illinoisan, who during the early 80's was elevated by the death of the Vice President to the presidency of

was a man of immense proportions, weighing in the neighborhood of 400 pounds, and a special chair was necessary for his comfort. It was for this chair that the Lomax man wrote. His letter follows:

"I know you will laugh when you

"I know you will laugh when you get this letter, but it is a serious proposition with me. I understand that at one time a Vice President had an immense chair to sit in, and I being a descendant of the gentle-

To honorable President Woodrow Wilson, Eashington, D. C. My Noble President:

those two pens applied to a Godly document, you became the modern Moses, leading us so awfully neglected people of Alaska from sure destruction of the sea of privation and starvation explored willerness in that Great Ocuntry Alaska.

have been forced from my discovery ground in the Mount McKinley region, Central Alaska, December 19, 1913, from lack of
food, sick with scurvy, and I came to the Coast to Seward,
February 13, 1914, as a stoward on a steamer I hade my way
gone to destruction in Alaska, but new hopes for me and many
other honest mineral prospectors is dawning, to get our
ment, the building of roads will inepire capital to assist
my heartfelt thanks to You and Congress.

"Dear Sir., I see by the paper that you give away a old canon that was condemd by the government and put it in the squar at ——. We ain't got no squar here, but I got a big yard and my house is rit in the middle of town and I would like to have you put one of them guns each side of my front gate where the whol town could get the benefit of them."

"P. S.—My boy Herbert will be

sane asylum in his district. Thirtyfour pages of closely written penciling were picked up from the desk of the Congressman the other morning and hurriedly glanced over. The letter then went to the Con-The letter then went to the Congressman's secretary who after wading through the harangue, was sufficiently vexed to pass it on to the stenographer. No report has yet been made by the typist as to her success in deciphering the writing.

A little interior town in a northern State is built around a square, and in this square a cannon has been mounted at the instance of the Congressman from this particular

section. The obsolete firearm's dedication was featured with a program of a patriotic character and the weekly paper in the community duly recorded it. The following is one of the results of this Congressman's work in furnishing the cannon:

"P. S.—My boy Herbert will be sixteen in the fall and I will mak him keep them guns shined up bright. I was a solger in the old forth—

The Congressman thus addressed ught the desired piece of furnire to oblige his constituent, going far as to ransack the garret the Capitol, where it was said the Davis chair was stored. His search was fruitless, however, as the prized chair already had been Alaska Mineral Prospector. presented to another man Advice From Asylum. The anti-trust legislation has been discussed from various angles by the members of both Houses of Some speciments of the literature in the shape of petitions and appeals Congress, but hardly as extensively which finds final rest in the waste paper baskets of the White House as in the argument against it recently received by a Southern Con-gressman from an inmate of an inexecutive offices and those of the Senators and Congressmen. Keep the Kapital Kool

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regiment and fot all thru the war. You remember you got my pensun." Plea For Filipinos.

Most of Manuel Quezon's corres-pondence is written in the Spanish language from his people down in the Philippines, from which possession he is one of the resident commissioners here, but some of his countrymen are in this country fitting themselves for service in the Island when the Filipinos finally are given independence. One of these is G. J. Militente, who tells of some of his struggles and some of his hopes for his country, in a letter written on Ohio State University paper from Columbus, Ohio. In part he wrote:

"I am a boy who went out from the backwoods or the southern Philippines to the very heart of America in search of education, which I know constitutes one of the greatest factors of our country's future success. Some ten years ago, missioners here, but some of his

greatest factors of our country's future success. Some een years ago, mother, knowing the call of my country for education, encouraged me to go out into the world to strive for it, that her son may do some service to his country. We have, as you know, brave and noble mothers in the Philippines, and mine is one example. I have been away from home ten long years, of which tour I remained in Manila working as a servant among families for my as a servant among families for my education and the other six years I have been in America and worked for my education, first with farmers, then with town men, and now as an active civil engineering student with Americans of the highest types.

"As a true Filipino, blood and in soul, I have day after day compared my people with Americans and other nationalities and found them similar in some respects and and other nationalities and found them similar in some respects and superior in others. Consequently, I believe that my countrymen are in every way werthy of the liberty they seek. At present I live with President Thompson, of the Ohio State University, and in two years I contemplate to return to Palo Secretary and the contemplate of the contemplate of

These Letters Treasured.

Among the constituents of Judge James Wickersham delegate in Congress from Alaska, is one whose letters never reach the waste basket. He is Frederick Zorn, Alaska explorer and minerat prospector,

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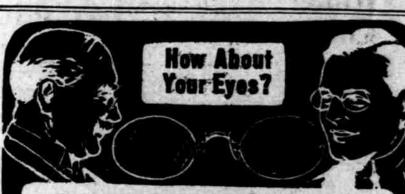
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whose home most of the time, Judge Wickersham says, has a roof of clear and but a floor of icy snow. Zorn writes to Wickersham and Fresident Wilson only, and the subjects of his letters are always about the advancement of civilization in

the frozen North. In the files of Mr. Wickersham's office is a com-partment set aside for Zorn's let-ters, and the photographs he for-wards, but never a piece of paper from Zorn finds its way to the



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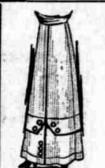
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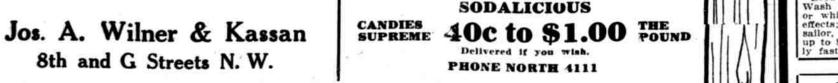
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